

Alameda County Coroner's Bureau  
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## Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) <b>RODGERS , ROSCIL</b>		TENTATIVE I UNIDENTIFIED		CASE NUMBER <b>2014-03021</b>		
	REPORTED BY <b>K. Wenit</b>		REPORTED BY PHONE		REPORTING AGENCY <b>Valley Care Medical Center</b>		
	INVESTIGATOR <b>ERIK BORDI</b>		CALL DATE AND TIME <b>10/24/2014 1904</b>		CASE TYPE <b>Removal Case</b>		
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH <b>10/24/2014 1843</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>5/13/1982</b>	AGE <b>32 Years</b>	GENDER <b>Male</b>	RACE <b>Black</b>	
	MARITAL STATUS <b>Never Married</b>		VET				
	HGT	WGT	EYE COLOR <b>Brown</b>	HAIR COLOR <b>Black</b>	OCCUPATION <b>landscaper</b>		
	EMPLOYER						
<b>Preliminary Summary:</b> [REDACTED]							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH <b>Valley Care Medical Center</b>				LOC TYPE <b>HOSP</b>		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) <b>5555 W. Las Positas Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA, 94588</b>				COUNTY <b>Alameda</b>		
	Manner <b>Natural</b>		Death Certificate Signed By <b>J. HOVDA, DEPUTY CORONER #1432</b>				
	Cause A	<b>Bilateral pulmonary emboli</b>				Interval	Hours
	Cause B					Interval	
	Cause C					Interval	
	Cause D					Interval	
NOTIFIC.	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN [REDACTED]		RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]		
	NOTIFIED BY <b>Erik Bordi</b>		METHOD <b>Phone Contact</b>		DATE AND TIME		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD <b>Identification card</b>		DATE AND TIME				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT				AT WORK		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)				COUNTY		
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY <b>Alameda County Sheriff's Office</b>				INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		
DISP	FUNERAL HOME <b>WIGGINS-KNIPP FUNERAL HOME</b>				BODY RELEASE TO FUNERAL HOME ON <b>10/28/2014 1415</b>		
	Full Autopsy Partial Autopsy Inspection Record Review Inspection w/Specimen				EXAM BY <b>PAUL W. HERRMANN</b>		
	Yes						



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### **Investigator Narrative**

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**Decedent:** RODGERS, ROSCIL  
**Case Number:** 2014-03021  
**Investigator:** Erik Bordi

#### **First Call Information:**

On October 24, 2014, about 1904 hours, I (BORDI) received a call from Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy D. KUJAWSKI #604 regarding the probable natural death of Santa Rita Jail (SRJ) inmate Roscil RODGERS. Deputy KUJAWSKI told me he had limited information but would have medical personnel from Valley Care Hospital call as soon as they had more information regarding the circumstances of RODGERS' death. (EB1879)

About 1910 hours, I received a call from Valley Care Hospital Nurse K. WENIT and he told me RODGERS was brought into the emergency room, about 1221 hours, on October 24, 2014, for shortness of breath. Medical therapy was applied to RODGERS but he was still having labored breathing and also had trouble speaking. RODGERS' blood pressure was dropping and he was intubated. His health continued to decline and he was pronounced dead, about 1843 hours, after life saving measures was unsuccessful. Nurse WENIT told me RODGERS had medical history of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nurse WENIT said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (EB1879)



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**Medical Summary:**

RODGERS was diagnosed with [REDACTED] According to Santa Rita Jail medical records RODGERS was also diagnosed with [REDACTED] (EB1879)

I requested and received all medical records associated with RODGERS while he was in Alameda County Sheriffs' Office Custody. (EB1879)

**Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:**

RODGERS died in the emergency room at Valley Care Hospital in Pleasanton. (EB1879)

**Body Identification:**

I searched the Consolidated Records Information Management System (CRIMS) using RODGER'S personal file number [REDACTED] and located a record that matched. I compared RODGERS to the associated photograph and it appeared to be a match. (EB1879)

I also located a California Drivers License (CDL) number in CRIMS and used it to search in Cal-Photo. I located a record and compared the associated photograph to RODGERS and it also appeared to be a match. The CDL information listed Roscil RODGERS as his legal name. (EB1879)



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**Next of Kin Investigation:**

There was no next of kin information known at the time of the first call. (EB1879)

I searched CRIMS to see if anyone had visited RODGERS while he was in custody. I located one record that indicated [REDACTED] visited RODGERS on September 23, 2010. I called the associated phone number and a male answered and said they did not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED] (EB1879)

About 0200 hours, I conducted a search on Accurant using RODGERS' name and date of birth. I located a record that matched RODGERS' demographics. I searched the relatives section and located multiple records. A follow up will be left to call the associated phone numbers and attempt to notify possible next of kin. (EB1879)

On October 25, 2014, about 0915 hours, I (PLASENCIA) attempted to contact possible family members of RODGERS listed in the relatives section of the Accurant printout. I called the number listed for [REDACTED] and there was no answer. I left a message for [REDACTED] on her voicemail requesting a call back. (RRP1868)

On October 25, 2014, about 1655 hours, I (BORDI) called a second name listed in the Accurant report [REDACTED] but no one answered, so a voicemail message was left requesting a call back. (EB1879)



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About 1700 hours, I also attempted to call [REDACTED] a second time, but no one answered, so a voicemail message was left requesting a call back. (EB1879)

About 1730 hours, I located a second phone number for [REDACTED] I called the number and [REDACTED] told me she was RODGERS' sister. I notified her of his death, the circumstances, and the coroner's involvement. [REDACTED] was extremely upset and asked that I call her back. Before she hung up, I asked if she had someone with her or someone to call and she said she would call her mother. (EB1879)

About 1740 hours, I received a call from a [REDACTED] who told me she was also one of RODGERS' sisters. [REDACTED] said she was notified of RODGERS' death by their sister, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told me she was with RODGERS' mother, [REDACTED] and their mother was notified of the death. I explained to [REDACTED] the circumstances surrounding RODGERS' death and the Coroner's involvement. [REDACTED] told me RODGERS was not married and did not have any children. I told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was her brother's legal next of kin and needed to make funeral arrangements. (EB1879)

**Other Agency Reports:**

Deputy KUJAWSKI wrote police report #14-018789 documenting the incident. I accessed the Alameda County Ileads report writing system and printed out a copy of the report. I reviewed the report and placed it in the case file. The report was consistent with the information reported to me. (EB1879)

**Property and Evidence:**

I issued Coroner Receipt #35273 to Nurse L. COOPER for RODGERS' body and property. (EB1879)



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I went to SRJ and collected all of RODGERS' personal and cell property. Due to the fact some of RODGERS' cell property was perishable goods it was properly disposed of. (EB1879)

**Coroners Fees:**

There are body removal \$254 and body preparation \$67 fees totaling \$321.00 associated with this case. (EB1879)

**Other Investigative Details/ Supplemental Information:**

On October 24, 2014, about 2016 hours, Deputy UNUBUN and I (BORDI) arrived at Valley Care Hospital. We were met by Deputy KUJAWSKI in the emergency room and he led us to RODGERS' body. I saw RODGERS was lying supine with medical therapy applied. He was wearing a pair of red Alameda County Jail pants and a Valley Care Hospital gown. I did not notice any trauma to RODGERS' body or head.

I performed a limited external exam on RODGERS and noticed he was warm to the touch. Rigor mortis was absent as well as any lividity. I did not see any bruising or trauma to RODGERS' body. Deputy UNUBUN took digital photographs of RODGERS and he was prepared for transport back to the Coroner's Bureau.



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About 2059 hours, we arrived at SRJ to collect RODGERS' medical records and property. We were met by Lieutenant V. FOX and he provided the medical records furnished by Corizon Health Services. Lieutenant FOX also provided me with RODGERS' personal and cell property.

I conducted a search on the Alameda County Mainframe to see when RODGERS was incarcerated at SRJ. I located a file and that indicated RODGERS was booked into SRJ on September 9, 2014. On October 24, 2014 he was moved to the outpatient housing unit due his medical conditions of [REDACTED]

About 2230 hours, we arrived at the Coroner's Bureau and processed RODGERS into the morgue which included intake photographs. The hospital photographs and intake photographs were later downloaded onto a CD-R disc and placed into the case file.

On October 27, 2014, Coroner Pathologist Dr. P. HERRMANN did an autopsy. The cause of death was deferred pending medical records review.

On October 28, 2014, Dr. HERRMANN determined RODGERS' cause of death to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On October 28, 2014, Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home arrived at the Coroner's Bureau to remove RODGERS for his final disposition. [REDACTED] authorized the Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home to remove RODGERS. (EB1879)



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On November 19, 2014, I (BORDI) reviewed this case for purposes of closure. I checked the billing section of CME and saw body preparation fees were paid in full. However, the removal fees were not. There was an outstanding balance of \$254.00.

On November 20, 2014, I (Sgt. BARON) reviewed this case for closure. I saw the body removal fees are still pending and therefore placed a fee hold on the report until they are paid. (HB#2017)

**Findings:**

On November 19, 2014, I reviewed this case to determine a manner of death. Upon reviewing the autopsy protocol, Nurse WENIT'S statements, and RODGERS' medical history, I determined the manner of this death to be natural. My finding is based on RODGERS' medical conditions and the cause of death as given by Dr. HERRMANN. (EB1879)

**Supervisor Review:**

On Thursday, November 20, 2014, I (Sgt. Baron) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concur with the findings and approve this case for closure. (HB#2017)

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CASE NUMBER: 2014-03021	CASE NAME: Roscil Rodgers
PATHOLOGIST: Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.	HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

LUNG: A large laminated blood clot is present in a pulmonary vessel. There is no evidence of organization of the blood clot.

BLOOD CLOTS: These clots show lamination without organization.

KIDNEY: Normal.

MYOCARDIUM: Normal.

BRAIN: Normal.

LIVER: Congestion with mild triaditis.

BRONCHIAL TISSUE: Peribronchial hemorrhage.

11/17/14      *Paul W. Herrmann* M.D.  
Date                      Signature

PWH/cah  
D: 11/17/14  
T: 11/18/14

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### M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 27, 2014  
FROM: Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.  
TO: Case File 2014-03021  
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Roscil Rodgers at the Coroner's Bureau, 480 4th Street, Oakland, California, on October 27, 2014, at 10:45 a.m.

### AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) BILATERAL PULMONARY EMBOLI.
- 2) MARKED CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.
- 3) CONGESTION OF THE LIVER, SPLEEN, AND KIDNEYS.
- 4) PALLOR AND EDEMA OF THE BRAIN.

CAUSE OF DEATH: BILATERAL PULMONARY EMBOLI.

cc: EMS  
District Attorney  
Investigations Bureau

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a well-developed adult black male appearing consistent with the stated age of 32 years, weighing 180 pounds and measuring 73 inches. The hair is black. The irides are brown. The teeth are in fair condition, though a few are missing in the upper arch. One tooth in the left incisor area appears to have been broken off at the gumline, and the gum is well healed. There are a black mustache and goatee. Purple lividity is present on the back.

The body is dressed in the following items of CLOTHING:

- 1) A drawstring-type top from VALLEY CARE HEALTH SYSTEM.
- 2) A maroon jumpsuit top which has been extensively cut.
- 3) Maroon jumpsuit trousers with an elasticized waistband.

These are pulled down to the level of the upper thighs.

There is extensive evidence of MEDICAL TREATMENT:

1) EKG pads are adherent to the lower extremities. They are also present on the anterior torso and the shoulders.

2) A resuscitative electrode pad is present on the left lateral chest. Another is present on the right upper chest.

3) A tube protrudes from the left upper chest. It is attached to what is called a thoracic vent.

4) A triple-lumen catheter measuring 4 inches in length is

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23 present on the left side of the neck.

24 5) A Foley catheter stabilization device is attached to the  
25 right thigh, but there is no Foley catheter present.

26 6) There is an Intracath taped in place on the dorsum of  
27 the left hand.

28 7) An identification band is present on the left hand. It  
29 shows a picture of the decedent.

30 8) An electronic monitoring device is attached to the left  
31 ring finger.

32 9) An Intracath is taped in place on the dorsum of the  
33 right hand.

34 10) A hospital-type identification band is present on the  
35 right wrist.

36 11) An endotracheal tube is taped in place in the mouth.

37 Tattoos

38 There is a tattoo of some flowers on the dorsum of the  
39 right forearm. There is what appears to be a name over the  
40 right wrist, but I am not able to read the name. There is a  
41 tattoo somewhat in the shape of a heart on the back of the left  
42 shoulder. There is a tattoo of some footprints on the left  
43 buttock. There is a tattoo over the sacrum of a beehive with  
44 some bees and, above it, the words "TASTE LIKE HONEY."

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45        BLUNT TRAUMA:

46        There is no evidence of blunt trauma to the face or head.

47        No trauma is seen on the neck except for the needle puncture.

48        There is no trauma to the chest or abdomen.

49        The left upper extremity shows some markings of a blood  
50        pressure cuff on the upper arm, but there is no evidence of  
51        blunt trauma.

52        The right upper extremity also shows no blunt trauma, and  
53        none is seen on the hand.

54        There is no trauma to the genital area.

55        The lower extremities show no recent blunt trauma.

56        Scars

57        There are numerous pigmented and depigmented scars in the  
58        pretibial areas of the legs. There are a number of circular  
59        scars of the skin over the thighs. These are too numerous to  
60        count. They average 1/2 inch in size.

61        There is an irregular pigmented scar just to the right of  
62        the umbilicus, measuring approximately 1 inch in greatest  
63        dimension. There is a café au lait spot present on the right  
64        upper abdomen, measuring 2 inches by 1 inch in greatest  
65        dimensions.

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66           The left upper arm shows some healed as well as recent  
67 needle punctures on the lateral aspect of the wrist, the dorsum  
68 of the forearm, and the anterior aspect of the forearm. There  
69 appear to be some healed needle puncture marks in the left  
70 antecubital fossa, but no scarring is present. There is some  
71 irregular scarring on the dorsum of the left hand, particularly  
72 over the metacarpophalangeal joints of the middle and ring  
73 fingers.

74           The right upper extremity shows no distinctive scarring.

75           There is no trauma to the back or buttocks, and no scarring  
76 is present in these areas.

77                               INTERNAL EXAMINATION

78           Y-SHAPED THORACOABDOMINAL AND INTERMASTOIDAL INCISIONS are  
79 made.

80           HEAD: There is no evidence of trauma to the scalp. The  
81 subcutaneous tissue, galea and skull are unremarkable. The  
82 meninges show no abnormalities. The external surface of the  
83 brain shows marked gyral flattening. The unci are slightly  
84 grooved. The cerebellar tonsils are unremarkable. The brain  
85 weighs 1200 grams and is very pale. Cut sections of the brain  
86 show no abnormalities except for pallor, but it is noted that  
87 the ventricles are somewhat compressed. The vessels of the base

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88 of the brain are unremarkable. The base of the skull is normal.

89 NECK ORGANS: The soft tissues of the neck and the cervical  
90 spine are normal. The laryngeal and tracheal cartilages and  
91 hyoid bone are intact. The airway is patent. The thyroid gland  
92 is of normal size and unremarkable on cut section.

93 CHEST: There is no evidence of trauma to the chest wall.  
94 The ribs are intact. The lungs fill the pleural spaces.

95 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 700 grams. The right lung  
96 weighs 750 grams. The pulmonary arteries show the presence of  
97 pulmonary emboli bilaterally. They are not in the main  
98 pulmonary artery, but they are in the proximal pulmonary  
99 arteries of each lung. They extend into the secondary and  
100 tertiary branches, at least. The emboli show slight fibrin on  
101 the surface in the proximal bronchi, but they are not  
102 significantly adherent to the vessel walls. The pulmonary  
103 parenchyma is markedly congested and slightly edematous.

104 HEART: The pericardial sac contains a small amount of  
105 clear yellow fluid. The external surface of the heart shows no  
106 abnormalities. The heart weighs 380 grams. The coronary  
107 arteries show no atherosclerosis. The cardiac chambers and  
108 valves are unremarkable. The myocardium on cut section shows no  
109 scarring. The left ventricular wall measures 15 mm in

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110 thickness; the right, 3 mm. The interventricular septum is  
111 unremarkable. The foramen ovale is closed. The descending  
112 thoracic and abdominal aorta shows no abnormalities.

113 ABDOMEN: The abdominal fat is 1-1/2 inches at the  
114 umbilicus. The organs are in their normal positions.

115 LIVER: The liver weighs 1900 grams. The capsule is  
116 smooth. The parenchyma is acutely congested, maroon-brown in  
117 color. There is a stellate scar on the surface of the right  
118 lobe of the liver, measuring approximately 2 inches in greatest  
119 dimensions, but it does not involve the hepatic parenchyma. The  
120 gallbladder and extrahepatic ducts are unremarkable.

121 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 80 grams. The capsule is  
122 smooth. The parenchyma is firm and congested.

123 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size and retains a  
124 firm, tan, lobular architecture.

125 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are equal in size. The  
126 cortices are thin, bright yellow. The medullae are  
127 unremarkable.

128 GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The mucosa of the esophagus and  
129 stomach is unremarkable. The stomach contains approximately  
130 300 cc of thin watery gray-brown fluid. The duodenum and small  
131 bowel contain a slight amount of creamy yellow chyme. The large

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132 intestine is unremarkable. The rectum is empty. I see no  
133 evidence of any carcinoma involving the large intestine. There  
134 are no enlarged lymph nodes. The small bowel, also, is  
135 unremarkable on cut section.

136 GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys weigh 180 grams each.  
137 The capsules strip with ease. The cortical surfaces are smooth.  
138 The parenchyma is firm and congested. The renal vessels, pelves  
139 and ureters are in their normal positions. The urinary bladder  
140 is empty. The bladder mucosa is unremarkable. The prostate  
141 gland on cut section shows no abnormalities. The testes are  
142 palpated in the scrotum. The penis is circumcised. The  
143 thoracic and lumbar spine are unremarkable.

144 Both legs and thighs are opened posteriorly. The veins all  
145 appear entirely unremarkable. None of them shows any evidence  
146 of disease, and there is no evidence of thrombosis. No thrombi  
147 are seen in the main pelvic veins.

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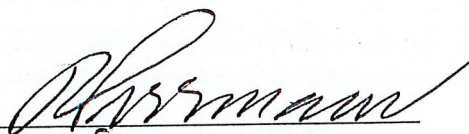
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